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Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

In addition, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit B** a substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing, attach herewith a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing, and attach hereto as **Exhibit C** a Statement certifying that the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith is identical in content to the attached substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing and contains no new matter and that the attached substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing contains the same sequence as the paper copy of the Sequence Listing as filed. An amendment replacing the paper copy of the Sequence Listing as filed with the attached substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing is referred to on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 1-47 are present in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 21-23, 25-36, 38, 39, 42, and 44-47 without disclaimer or prejudice and have amended claims 3-5, 7-9, 11-20, and 40 to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to make minor conforming amendments. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-20, 24, 37, 40, 41, and 43 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$1,550.00, is

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deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,


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